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 e. providing to a user information regarding conflicts between said programmed first event information and events previously scheduled in said first and second devices.

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 The invention resides, in part, in recognizing the described problems and, in part, in providing a system and method for solving these problems. Generally, the present invention defines a method for scheduling events between first and second video processing devices coupled together wherein each device having at least one event timer for storing a scheduled event. Particularly the method comprises programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of the first device, comparing the first event information to information pertaining to each event previously scheduled in the first device for determining conflicts therebetween, sending a message representing the first event information from the first device to the second device, comparing the first event information to information pertaining to each event previously scheduled in the second device for determining conflicts therebetween. Further, information regarding conflicts between the programmed first event information and events previously scheduled in the first and second devices may be provided to a user.

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, the method also comprises programming the first event into an event timer of the second device in response to the message. The first event being deleted from the first device in response to each

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event timer of the second device currently containing previously scheduled events, and indicating to the user the absence of an available event timer in the second device.

In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, the method also comprises modifying the first event programmed in the first device, comparing the modified first event to each scheduled event of the first and the second devices for determining conflicts therebetween, and providing information regarding such conflicts to the user.

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In accordance with still another aspect of the present invention, a method for scheduling events between a recording apparatus and a receiving apparatus coupled together, wherein each apparatus has at least one event timer for storing a scheduled event. Particularly, the method comprises programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of the recording apparatus, sending a message representing the first event information from the recording apparatus to the receiving apparatus, notifying a user that a password is required for enabling the first event, enabling the event timer containing the programmed first event in response to receiving the password entered into the recording apparatus.

In accordance with still another aspect of the present invention, the user is notified in response to copyright information, program rating information or purchase information.

In accordance with yet another aspect of the present invention, a method for scheduling an event in a recording apparatus coupled to a receiving apparatus comprises programming information pertaining to a first event into an available event timer of the recording apparatus, comparing the